

Park and Recreation Board

March 21, 2012

Minutes

Attendees: Hughes, Pinker, Cooper, Dow, Gunion-Rinker,

Absent: Schaeffer, Harris, Miller

Guests: Katie Dunham, Gail Shaloum

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February minutes were approved (4-0)

North side Plan for NCP

Katie Dunham, a planner with NCPRD, reported that she would be meeting with Milwaukie's Planning Commission at their April 10 work session to discuss the north side plan for the North Clackamas Park. She noted that the north side master plan had been submitted to the Planning Commission in February of 2011 and the process has remained open pending resolution of some issues raised by the Milwaukie Center and Planning Commission members. She noted the following issues that have been modified as a result of recent discussions:

- Through discussions with the Center Community Advisory Board (CCAB) from the Milwaukie center, the parking lot foot print would remain the same as proposed in the master plan but would be reconfigured. A sidewalk would be added to the west side of the lot, a formal crosswalk would be added, an "elbow" entrance to the lot to the north would be installed and the number of ADA spaces would remain the same. The CCAB also stipulated that the changes to the lot should take place before any of the major changes to the north side were implemented. Katie noted that the parking lot changes have been added to the District's Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2013.
- At Planning Commission's suggestion, the number of parking spaces has been decreased from 40 to 25.
- The master plan will continue to propose a dog park in the northeast section of the park, despite some Planning Commissioners' suggestion that the southwest corner might be considered as a location.

Katie said that she would like the Park Board to confirm that this north side plan is a priority and asked if they would convey their support for the project to the Planning Commission

Comments:

- Gunion Rinker asked what the scale of the drawing Dunham had handed out was. (no scale appeared)

- Hughes said he supported the plan moving forward but wanted to see a natural resource management plan be included. He said he felt that there was an overall intensification of uses on the site proposed by the master plan and that he felt strongly that there needed to be better focus on the management and protection of the natural resources on the site. He proposed a riparian buffer of 100ft as opposed to the 70 foot buffer currently in the master plan.

(Dunham noted that the picnic area had been removed from the plan as had the fencing near the creek and a proposed shed. She also noted that staff had been reseeding the camas flowers on the site.)

- Hughes reiterated that he hadn't heard anyone talk about a natural resource plan for the site and that there should be an inventory of the natural resources and a commitment by the District to protect those resources
- Dow asked how much of the natural area that Hughes was concerned about was in the area near the play area verses along the creek
- Hughes noted that the Oak habitat was near the play area and that was very high value and the area near the creek was also important for fish habitat
- Pinker asked how the storm water from the parking lot would be managed. (Dunham noted that specific designs would be done later but that storm swales might be used for storm water since the water table was too high for permeable asphalt to be used.)
- Cooper asked if the PARB might support the Master Plan contingent on the preparation of the natural resource management plan.

The group agreed that they were unable to make any decisions regarding support for the plan unless they had the updated information. Dunham and Herrigel agreed to distribute the plan to the group electronically as soon as possible. There was also some interest in having a small meeting to review the plan before the April 10 work session.

Mt Scott Creek Enhancements

Gail Shaloum, of Clackamas County Water Environment Services, described a riparian improvement project that WES, NCPRD and the City have received a Metro grant to complete. She said that the proposed improvements would cost about \$450,000. WES has been awarded \$150,000 in grant funds by Metro. WES is contributing a large portion of the project funding and the District is also providing funding. Other project partners include Friends of Trees and the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council. She shared a drawing of the enhancements which include two overlooks, log jams along specific area of Mt Scott Creek and stream bank restoration and stabilization. Gail said she was doing a pre-application meeting with the City Planning Department Thursday the 22nd.

Comments:

- Hughes asked about whether banks along the creek would be laid back. (Gail said no laying back was proposed.) He asked if there were any concerns regarding wood in the creek and flooding potential.
- Dow said this project seemed beneficial – especially since there was funding available.
- Hughes noted that the fencing proposed to keep people away from the creek would improve the resource
- Hughes suggested that Shaloum go to look at Tideman Johnson Park where Creek enhancements were similar done several years ago.
- Gunion Rinker asked if the back channel being considered was in a wetland area. She said she wouldn't want to negatively impact one resource to benefit another. (Gail said that there had been a wetland determination in this area – but not a delineation)
- Pinker asserted that while this looked like a good project, the dam at Kellogg might be an even more important factor in increasing fish passage.

Other Business

Hughes said that he would like to have a discussion about the Spring Park natural resource management plan at the April meeting. Herrigel said she would invite Tonia Burns to attend the meeting.

Project Updates

Balfour (CDBG grant update)

Herrigel reported that Council had decided to ask the County to allocate the \$100,000 in CDBG funds available to the City to ADA ramps scattered about the City rather than a sidewalk for Balfour Park.

District Presentation

Herrigel attended the March District Advisory Board meeting to share the Park Board's park priorities. She said she shared with the DAB a request for design of Kronberg Park and associated land use application work on this park for the next fiscal year.

Kronberg Park Summary

Herrigel noted that she had recently developed a summary for Kronberg Park which she planned to duplicate for all other City parks that remained undeveloped. These summaries would be handy when and if grant funds became available.

District Updates

- Artwork for the Trolley Trail is being designed and produced by elementary school kids. The artwork will depict the history of the trail and area.
- Annie Russenen has been hired by NCPRD as a marketing person.
- The District has a new logo
- NCPRD plans to select a consultant within the next month to work on the master plan update and strategic plan. The master plan process will be conducted through the spring and summer of 2012